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CONGRATULATIONS.

With the other Catholics of the diocese and State we wish to tender our congratulations to the Very Rev. Father Cronin on his reappointment as Vicar General. He is in thorough touch with diocesan affairs, is a hard worker and has hosts of friends who wish him long life and higher honors.

TAFT VERSUS MERGERS.

Last week the Kentucky Irish American had something to say in opposition to the proposed merger of several local lighting and heating utilities. President Taft has discovered that mergers are bad for the nation. Witness his defense of Secretary of State Knox at Pittsburgh on Monday night:

"Knox, as the law officer of the Government who conducted to a successful issue the greatest of the cases in which the meaning and limitations of the anti-trust act were considered and who, by his successful advocacy, called a halt upon the movement which threatened a merger of all railroads in the hands of one syndicate, he took his place among the statesmen of the country and, while respecting the rights of capital and the great advantage of efficient organization, was alive to the danger of the public weal which lies in the suppression of healthful competition and in the abuse of the privilege of organization to secure private monopoly and excessive profit."

Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If a merger of public utilities is bad for the nation it is bad for States and cities. Won't somebody please lead Louisville a man of Knox calibre?

MORE ABOUT HARPIES.

The editor of the Buffalo Catholic Union and Times declares:

"In the general revolt that now appears to be gaining headway against intolerable public abuses, the attention of thinkers, reformers and patriots should be directed to an evil that is morbid of the very foundations of society. That is the sin, the shame and the villainy of perjury. In nearly every case where damages are asked for accidents or injuries, the defendants, if corporations, produce a cloud of witnesses who glibly swear the plaintiff out of court. In nine cases out of ten, the Judge solemnly 'non-suits' the plaintiff and thus prevents the matter coming before the jury, or if it goes to the jury, there are usually 'professional jurors' on the panel, who see that the verdict is 'no cause for action.' In this manner widows are cheated out of damages for the deaths of husbands, orphans are left penniless and cripples 'given the laugh' by smart corporation clerks and runners in the employ of the law and claim departments of these institutions. Another feature of this vile and contemptible programme is the shameless and inhuman activity of the claim agents in securing releases, for paltry amounts, from injured men, often when the latter are semi-conscious or even at the point of death. The corporation representatives trample propriety under foot and throw human decency to the winds in order to 'make good' with their soulless employers. It is high time that this organized villainy should receive the attention of the people, for Judges and legislators seem to be in a hypnotic trance on the subject."

The statement of the Buffalo editor shows what is going on in his town. The same state of affairs exists in Louisville, Chicago, St. Louis and in nearly every large city in the country.

The row that has broken out between the Rev. W. F. McMurry, of this city, Secretary of the Methodist Board of Church Extension, and the Rev. W. F. Andrews and Dr. Packard, of Houston, Texas, is a striking exhibition of Methodist brotherly love. With alleged charges and countercharges, retractions and withdrawals thereof, and the application of such epithets as "skunk," the controversy has attracted wide attention.

Worthy of earnest study, not mere passing notice, was the picture of the five leading woman suffragists that appeared in the papers of last Saturday. Just a few more such and there will return peace to many distracted homes. The countenances portrayed were such as would strike terror to the most fearless

men, and would terrorize and unfit for life the modest and timid woman. Any sensible and womanly woman who sees the picture referred to will disclaim such leaders and their man-hating doctrines. The worst fate that could befall any State or nation would be to have its affairs directed by Anna Howard Shaw, Harriet Taylor Upton, Rachel Foster Avery or any of their set. It would be interesting to know how much time they devote to their own homes and families.

METHODISTS

Hear Truth From Eloquent Indiana Catholic Priest.

Recently the Rev. Matthias H. Bogemann, of St. Charles Borromeo church, Bloomington, Ind., was invited to address the Methodists of the neighboring town of Greencastle, which he did in their own church. His address was timely and interesting, and dealt with the foundation of the Catholic church, the task of the apostles, the Titanic struggle with paganism, the need of perpetual unity and her appeal for common humanity. The able and eloquent priest fully and convincingly exposed the misrepresentations and false charges in which enemies of the Catholic church take delight. Having outlined the mission and office of the Catholic church, Father Bogemann concluded with the following patriotic utterance, which all might study with mutual benefit:

"Need I say to you that every human being has naught but loving solicitude for the welfare of this great and noble nation, with whose future the happiness and progress of the human race? Or that Catholic Americans are none the less loyal and enthusiastic lovers of the republic because of their creed? Rather their Catholic faith consecrates and intensifies their devotion to country. From the beginning of her history, the church has enjoined upon all her children obedience and loyalty to the lawfully constituted authority in their respective countries. She teaches that as the church is God's representative in matters spiritual to lead men to a supernatural end, so the State is God's representative in the natural order to bring men to the end for which society is ordained—the temporal happiness of the race. Disobedience to the State in any matter within the State's competence is disobedience to God. Obedience to the State is loyalty to God and patriotism is inculcated and blessed by religion."

"Because of her absolute democratic spirit, the church here in America is in an environment most suitable to her. Here she finds that rarest of combinations—liberty without license and authority without despotism. She finds here great natural virtues, a conspicuous love for justice and fairness, a sympathy quick to be touched by suffering anywhere, and a generosity in the relief of distress unequalled by any people in the world. She finds a people of wonderful ingenuity, versatility and practical sense, with marvelous and daring schemes of material conquest, and a spirit equal to their accomplishment. But more than that, she finds a people who, despite their growing indifference to organized worship, are still at heart religious and honestly devoted to the betterment of mankind. And the church of ages blesses this young, mighty, generous, lovable nation, and bids her children to work with loyalty and energy to realize this national ideal."

"Here surely is a platform on which we all can stand—our common Americanism. Though in creed we differ, yet we all may work in harmony for the true interests of our country, the reign of justice to every class. And shoulder to shoulder let us unceasingly work for the preservation of those deeper sources of national greatness—the rectitude of individual life—the sacred purity of the family, the spread of education and the triumph of religion."

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., held a very interesting meeting on Wednesday evening. Three new members were elected, one was obligated and one application was received. Miss Rose Sweeney presided and attendance was large. Mrs. David O'Connell and Mrs. O'Rourke were reported still on the sick list. Tickets for the joint picnic with Division 4, A. O. H., were received and all present promised to help make the affair a success.

COMIC OPERA.

The initial production of the new comic opera, "Don Bell" will be given at Macauley's on the nights of May 26, 27 and 28. It is the work of R. E. Gutterman, a well known Louisville musician, and will be presented with an eighteenth century setting. Edward G. Hill, who was prominent in the "Mocking Bird," will have the title role and be supported by a strong cast and chorus of sixty voices. Those who have read the score say the opera is a meritorious one.

SOCIETY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kearns are at West Baden for a sojourn of two weeks.

J. W. Kearns, of Harrodsburg, Ill., spent last week with his parents in this city.

Miss Theresa McDermott was last week the guest of Sylvester Rapier at New Haven.

Mrs. Will Newman and baby, of Clifton, left the first of the week to visit relatives at Frankfort.

Miss Marie Vignali is home from Washington, where she has enjoyed a delightful visit with friends.

Mrs. H. A. Russell, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. A. Robertson.



MISS ABBIE CHESTER.
One of the Comets in "Among the Stars."

has returned to her home in Indianapolis.

Mrs. John McAteer has returned from an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Wintersmith at Ada, Okla.

Mrs. James B. Brown, Miss A. B. Adams and Mrs. Rose Lutz were among this week's Louisville visitors at West Baden.

John F. Chester and son, Edmond Chester, left Wednesday for a fishing trip at Orlando and Tampa, Fla. They will be gone two weeks.

Mrs. F. J. Baumbach, of Henry county, is here to spend several weeks with David O'Connell and family on East Washington street.

Mrs. John Gorman, of South Louisville, has been spending the week at Martinsville, Ind. She was accompanied by Edward Gorman.

Mrs. Michael Welch and Mrs. L. Schaaf and son, of New Albany, who have been visiting relatives in Pittsburgh, were expected home today.

Mrs. Fred Wood, of Pineville, has been spending the week here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Guy Murphy, at her home in Grainger Court.

William D. Chester will leave for Lebanon this morning and will be best man at the Hagan-Brown nuptials there on Monday morning.

Miss Mamie Moran entertained in a delightful manner at her home in Portland on Wednesday evening in honor of the members of her card club.

Misses Anna Bohan and Anna Zinsbro, of Flora Heights, left this week for Yellowstone Park and other points of interest in the Far West.

Miss Sallyneil Wathen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Wathen, and Scott Braden, of Oklahoma City, will be united in marriage on June 1.

T. J. Sullivan, a well known resident of New Albany, has almost entirely recovered from an illness that has confined him for some time to his home, 1843 East Market street.

A splendid baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Quirk, Eighth and Lexington streets, this week. Papa Martin announces that the little fellow will be a grocer.

Miss B. Kelley and Bernard Michaels were united in marriage at St. Charles Borromeo church on Wednesday. After an Eastern trip Mr. and Mrs. Michaels will reside at 727 South Fifteenth street.

Her many friends will be glad to know that there has been a favorable change in the condition of Mrs. Mary Tully, mother of former Assistant Fire Chief Tully, who has been ill at her home on Bank street.

Engineers Martin Carroll and James L. Griggs, of Portland, accompanied by their wives, left Tuesday for Alabama, to attend the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. They will return next week.

Miss Lettie Lee Kilkelly will receive her first holy communion at St. Peter's church tomorrow morning. In the evening she will be tendered a reception at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Kilkelly, 1653 Prentice street.

Miss Josie Thornbury, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Thornbury, and one of the most popular girls of New Haven's younger set, and Hugh Williams, a leading citizen of Lyons, were married at New Haven on Wednesday, the Rev. Father W. P. Hogarty performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sohn entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Sunday evening at their home on Bolling

avenue in honor of August Sohn, Jr., and bride, of the East End. The table was beautifully set, and among the guests were Misses Anna, Mary and Margaret McGovern, Katie, Irene and Bessie Sohn, and Messrs. Eugene and Joseph Sohn, Jr.

Miss Millie Meinhardt and Dr. C. L. Wunsch will be married in New Albany next month, but the exact date has not been announced. The bride-elect is a popular young lady of New Albany, and Dr. Wunsch is one of Louisville's most promising young dentists, and is prominently identified with local Catholic fraternal societies. The young people have the best wishes of many friends for many years of connubial bliss.

MOURNS HIS MOTHER.

Letters just received from Ireland bring the sad intelligence of the close of a beautiful life when the soul of Mrs. Bridget Browne, the venerable mother of Mr. John E. Browne, of Twelfth and Zane streets, this city, passed into the hands of its Creator. Mr. Browne had visited her mother a number of times, and her death at this time is doubly sad from the fact that he intended seeing her again this year. From the Western People we take the following announcement of her death and funeral:

"We have to announce with regret the death of Bridget Browne, which event took place at her residence, Macrossa, at the age of eighty-seven years. She was well known and respected by all who knew her. She passed away fortified by the rites of holy church to her eternal reward. Her remains, enclosed in a richly mounted oak coffin, were removed to the parish church, the Neale, and on the following day solemn requiem mass was celebrated for the eternal repose of her soul. Her remains were conveyed to the family burial ground, Ballycholly, after the solemn function. The large and representative cortege bore testimony to the great and deserved esteem in which deceased and her relatives are held. The Rev. Father McGough officiated at the grave."

Through these columns Mr. Browne wishes to express his gratitude to Father McGough and the other kind friends of his mother in her last days.

RESPECTED WIDOW DEAD.

Mrs. Catherine Gathof, seventy-six years old, died at her residence, 1623 Rosewood avenue, on Tuesday morning. Death resulted from an ailment sustained in fall two years ago. She was the widow of Nicholas Gathof, who died many years ago. The following children survive: M. J. and S. Nicholas Gathof, dry goods merchants; F. A. Gathof and Miss Mary Gathof, a nun. The funeral took place from St. Francis of Assisi church yesterday morning. The deceased had spent nearly all her life in Louisville and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

LEIST—MARTEL.

Miss Matilda Leist and John S. Martell, popular young people of New Albany, will be united in matrimony at St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock on Tuesday, May 17. The Rev. Father George G. Borries will perform the marriage ceremony and celebrate the nuptial mass. Miss Leist is the charming daughter of Robert Leist. Mr. Martell is foreman of the Kentucky Irish American composing room.

STATE COUNCIL K. OF C.

The State Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold its Louisville Council's hall next Tuesday. The meeting was scheduled for Lexington, but it was found that Louisville was more convenient. Between thirty-five and forty delegates will attend the meeting. Local third degree Knights will be allowed to attend the sessions of the State Council.

AWAITING CONFIRMATION.

Pastor and people of St. Leo's church are making extraordinary preparations for the visit of Bishop O'Donoghue, who will confirm a class there on May 23. The sacrament will be administered at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. This will be the third time confirmation has been administered at St. Leo's, but it will be the first occasion upon which Bishop O'Donoghue officiated.

CARRIERS INDISPOSED.

James Dittman, the popular letter carrier, who has been ill for several weeks, is recovering rapidly and will be able to be removed to his home from St. Anthony's Hospital next week. Letter Carrier Robert Stultz, who officiates on the Court House route, is indisposed this week, but his friends hope to see him back on the job in a few days.

"PIRATES OF PENZANCE."

Gilbert and Sullivan's tuneful opera, "Pirates of Penzance," will be presented at the Mary Anderson Theatre on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24. The performances will be given under the auspices of the Cecilian Choral Club. Among the principals will be John J. Flynn, David J. Maloney, James P. Roche and other local lyric stars.

PROMISED SECRETARYSHIP.

Robert T. Burke, a well known young attorney, past President of Mackin Council and Grand President of the Y. M. C. of Kentucky jurisdiction, is to be Private Secretary to Senator Herman D. Newcomb in the event the latter is nominated for Congress and elected this fall. Mr. Burke's popularity will add strength to Senator Newcomb's cause.

HOPKINS' THEATER.

Manager Dustin has another fine series of pictures for next week for the Hopkins' Theater patrons. They are the latest produced, long reeled and the largest pictures exhibited here. With its splendid ventilation and electric fans the Hopkins' continues in high favor with the picture going public.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Late News That Will Interest Members Here and Elsewhere.

The council just instituted at Watertown, Wis., started off with fifty members.

The incorporation of the home building is one of the important matters before Santa Maria Council at Cincinnati.

The Knights' Bowling Club of Milwaukee, seventy-five strong, closed the season with a banquet at the Hotel Blatz.

Arrangements are about completed for conferring the fourth degree upon 200 candidates at Olean, N. Y., during this month.

The Knights of London, Ont., presented Right Rev. Bishop Fallon a handsome crozier when he was consecrated last week.

Baker City Council recently received a class of twenty-two, among the new members being several priests of the diocese of Baker City, Ore.

This year's New York State convention at Niagara Falls next week will be the best attended in the history of the order in the Empire State.

Hennepin Council of Minneapolis realized over \$2,500 from its minstrel performance. Gov. Eberhart and wife and Rev. Father M. O'Brien occupied a box.

The Knights of Racine and Kenosha, Wis., now hold regular meetings and entertain each other, and have thus bridged the rivalry between the two cities.

Wabasha and Red Wing, Minn., have added over a hundred new members to the order, and tomorrow a new council with a charter list of fifty-five will be instituted at Spring Valley.

ANOTHER GREAT HOSPITAL.

Catholics are to build a \$150,000 hospital at Walla Walla, Wash. The foundation will be started in July. The building is to be four stories and be fully equipped with all conveniences.

SISTERS BENEFIT DUNDEE.

A Scottish Catholic exchange tells us that since the advent of the Sisters of Charity in Dundee, some four years ago, several works of great social benefit have been inaugurated among the working classes. A home has been provided for working girls, a day nursery for the benefit of working mothers established, besides a social club for girls and a beginning of a working boys' home.

ADVICE TO BRIDES.

Be wise in time and get only a few things for your marriage. Fashions change so quickly that it is far better to reserve some of your trousseau money to expend on the newest styles later on. You will not like to be wearing old fashioned garments next year and probably you would not feel justified in doing away with those you have worn but a few times.

TIME TO PRAY.

The time when you are tempted not to pray is most likely the very time your need of prayer is greatest. If your mind is full of cares, and your hands are burdened with many difficult tasks, you can not afford to dispense with the benefits which come through prayer. You will say to yourself: "My danger is much increased, therefore I will keep close to the only source of my help and strength." As long as the vital bond of your friendship with God remains unbroken, the world, the flesh and the devil will seek in vain to sway you from your moral steadfastness. It is only when you forget to converse with the heart of Jesus that you run the risk of falling away from the firm standing ground of your integrity.

MILLION DOLLAR HOSPITAL.

The Sisters of Mercy of San Francisco will soon take possession of their new hospital, which they erected in place of the one destroyed by the earthquake. The portion now constructed consists of the center of the main building, five stories high, the east wing and a two-story power plant and kitchen. It cost \$350,000. The completed building will cover an entire block, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,250,000. The Sisters of Mercy went to California from Kinsale, Ireland, in 1854. During the outbreak of cholera in 1855 they were placed in charge of the City Hospital, and two years later opened their own hospital, which has grown into the magnificent institution they are now building. Mother Mary Baptist Russell, sister of Lord Chief Justice Russell, was Superior of the San Francisco convent.

FOR WOMAN'S EYE.

White belts are worn with the most elegant lingerie gowns. The pretty fluffy jabots are prominent in the spring neckwear. Tailor made gowns of silk will be more in evidence than ever before. Taffeta has come back to us again, soft and supple, with a satiny sheen. Everything in the way of changeable material will be much worn this season.

The sleeve with shirring is a favorite style only with the woman whose arm is quite slender. Many ankle length paletots in beige, different shades of gray, bottle green or blue are worn where a wrap is necessary. There is a fancy for cashmere pattern silks and woolsens, utilized for tunics and garteres more than for the entire costumes.

Changeable effects are good in taffetas, linon and satin, while flowered voiles, covered with crystal raindrops, look well for evening. Nearly everything is clouded with chiffon or net through which polka dots, dance, stripes gleam, and satins shimmer with dazzling effect.

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